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Annual Enrollment for Benefit Services is in Process

Northrop Grumman's Retiree Annual Enrollment for Benefit Services has been taking place from November 5 through November 19. Enrollment kits were sent the week of October 29. For those retirees choosing to stay with their 2007 selection of benefits, no action is needed. If you have not received your Enrollment package yet, call the Northrop Grumman Benefits Center (NGBC) at once.

As of January 1, 2008, Northrop Grumman will transition to a new benefits administrator. As a result, the enrollment worksheets look very different. The total cost of the health plan will be shown on the annual enrollment worksheet for the first time. Your Defined Dollar Benefit (DDB) will now be noted as a "credit."

Northrop Grumman will continue to use the same phone number for the NGBC under new the benefits administrator. Benefits service representatives are available to assist you Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern time, excluding holidays. If you are hearing impaired, you will need to use a relay service through your TTY/TDD service provider.

Paying for your Retiree Medical Coverage in 2008

If you pay for your coverage on a monthly basis, you will receive a billing statement each month in advance. **An annual supply of payment coupons will no longer be available in 2008.** Your January 2008 billing statement will be mailed on December 13, 2007.

New for 2008!

If you are currently receiving a monthly bill for your benefits, you will soon be able to elect the convenience of having your cost automatically deducted from your personal checking or savings account. If you would like to have this electronic transfer happen automatically each month, call the NGBC and request a Direct Debit Authorization Form. (Note: This service is not available for your January payment.)

Northrop Grumman Benefits Center (NGBC)
from within the U.S. 1-800-894-4194
from outside the U.S. 1-718-354-1338.

Electronic Transfer of Pension Checks Advised

Do you have your pension check delivered by the Post Office to your home? During the San Diego fires, delivery of some pension checks were held up because certain post offices were closed. If those retirees had direct deposit, they would have received their pension timely and avoided a trip to the bank. A copy of the Direct Deposit Enrollment Form can be obtained from the NGBC at 1-800-894-4194; outside the United States 1-718-354-1338.

Garrett Reisman, a former NGST employee, now an Astronaut

Reported by Les Hromas

Garrett Reisman, formerly a member of the TRW's Controls Department will be an Astronaut on board NASA's upcoming Shuttle flight STS 123 scheduled to launch on February 14, 2008. STS 123 will ferry Garrett to the International Space Station where he is scheduled to spend 6 months with two Astronauts from Russia. Garrett will return to earth after the six month mission.

Garrett has kindly invited several from Space Park to attend the February launch as guests of NASA. Space Park personnel gave Garrett a small flag to take with him into space. (He was also given a bit of dirt from the pitcher's mound at Yankee Stadium). Once the mission is completed, Space Technology management plans to host a special visit by Garrett and duly honor him.

TRA for Northrop Grumman Retirees

TRA (The Retirees Association) welcomes the retirees of both the Space Technology and the Mission Systems Sectors of Northrop Grumman, as well as the Heritage TRW retirees. The No Name Gazette is our official publication. Our offices are in Building E2 at Space Park

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310-813-7745 (Our office is staffed only a few days a week. Please leave a message and we will get back to you.)

By E-mail:

TRA@tra-spacepark.org Your e-mails will be routed to the appropriate source. And, if we have your e-mail address on file, we send out special alerts at infrequent intervals. To get on the TRA e-mail list, just send us a brief e-mail requesting to be added to it.

By Web Page:

Our web page is at www.tra-spacepark.org. It is an excellent source for the latest news, lists of the new retirees, travel details, party photos (more than get into the NNG), forms of all sorts, personal photographs, and much more. Come in and browse.

For Membership:

TRA Membership is open to all NGST & NGMS retirees at \$7 per calendar year. First year free. Application on web page or call Betty Stover: 310- 370-0109

TRW Retiree Meetings Around the U.S.

GROUP	MEETING LOCATION	TIME & DATE	OTHER INFO	CONTACT
TRA	Bldg. S Park Patio Cafe, Space Park	3rd Thurs. Monthly	Business Meeting 1:30 p.m. E2, Rm 1200.	No reservations needed. All Members Welcome
ATD	Alpine Village, Torrance, CA	November, 2007.	Social and Nostalgia	Don Brown, Sandy Friedfeld, Bob Traylor 310-541-1917 or sandjol@aol.com
Brevard Retirees	Various Locations in Brevard, NC	1st Tues. 8 a.m. 3rd Tues. 5 p.m.	Social	Al & Daughn Connarn 828-554-4993 aconnarn@yahoo.com
Central Coast Chapter	Various Locations in the Central Coast Area	2nd Monday Various times	Social	George Zaiser 805-343-2631 gzais@msm.com
D.C.	Frederick MD		Sporting Events	Lew Schneider 301-984-0977 scribblew@verizon.net
Huntsville Chapter	Barnhill's Buffet University Drive, Huntsville	2nd Tuesday 11:30 a.m.	Social	Jim Troy 256-534-7136 troys@comcast.net
Las Vegas	Various Locations in Las Vegas Metro Area	Last Tuesday 11:30 a.m.	Social	Carol Noblet 702-889-6773 fiftysumthn@aol.com
Northern Virginia	Squire Rockwell Restaurant Fairfax, VA	3rd Friday 11:30 a.m.	Social	Bill Gehrke 703-759-0527 wgehrke@att.net
Ogden	Cracker Barrel Restaurant Layton, UT	1st Thursday Breakfast	Social	Fred Zeuthen 801-476-0656 fzeuthen@earthlink.net
San Bernardino	San Bernardino Golf Club		Social plus programs of interest	Joe Daruty 909-792-8022 jdaruty@aol.com
SE Chapter	Chattanooga, TN	October 30-31, 2007	Social/Tours	Robert Baris 803-648-3141 barisr@bellsouth.net
San Diego Chapter	Event Dependent	3rd Tuesday	Social or Board Meeting	Jim Denton 858-385-0150 JWDenton@sbcglobal.net
Temecula Valley	Various Locations in Area	Quarterly for Lunch	Social	Judy Lebovitz 951-461-0065 jlebo6720@aol.com
TRW Retirees of the Desert	Elmer's Steak House Indio, CA	Every Tuesday 1:00 p.m.	Social and Nostalgia trwdesertretirees.blogspot.com	Joe Clopton 760-342-8171 joeclopton@dc.rr.com
The Ventura County Romeos	Du-Pars Thousand Oaks, CA	1st Tuesday 12:00 noon	Social	Fred Blaich 805-499-0012 harrison_stroud@hotmail.com

TRAVel News

3 DAY LAS VEGAS TRIP

November 26-28

The exciting NEW YORK/NEW YORK on the Strip for 2 nights, coupon book, 2 free drinks, 2 for 1 meal packages, refreshments en route, drivers tip and baggage handling included. \$148 ppdo, \$233 single. Refundable til Oct. 18. See www.trwretirees.org/newyork.htm. Tom Tucknott 310-530-4992

7 DAY WESTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE

February 7-14, 2008

From Miami on NCL SUN to Roatan Bay Islands, Honduras; Belize city, Belize; Costa Maya, Mexico, and Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas. From \$309.00 ppdo (Inside cabin) to \$389.00 ppdo (Outside cabin), to \$639.00 ppdo (Balcony). Taxes and fees are an additional \$221.00. Optional insurance is \$89.00. Does not include air but R/T transfers to/from Miami airport is \$30.00. \$250.00 deposit ASAP and final due 15 November. Jay Seidman, 818-343-5171

3 DAY LAUGHLIN TRIP

March 3-5 2008

2 Nts. At Edgewater Hotel, Sedona Towers, voucher for breakfast or lunch, \$5.00 gaming voucher. Driver's tip, baggage handling, coffee and rolls prior to departure and refreshments en route included. \$84.00 ppdo, \$104.00 sgl. Refundable until Feb. 1 Jim & Betty Addis, 310-379-6988

Our future plans include the following. We would appreciate it if you would contact the identified coordinator for more information. For comments or suggestions, including specific destinations or events, please contact Jay Seidman at 818-343-5171 or jayandjerry@sbcglobal.net.

February 2008

MATINEE THEATRE AND LUNCH

Margaret Krall 310-325-2951

April 2008

CAMP PENDLETON TOUR AND LUNCH

Jim Addis 310-379-698

June 2008

ALASKA — CRUISE AND GROUND TOUR

Jay Seidman 818-343-5171

June 2008

YOSEMITE & CHUCKCHANSI CASINO, BASS LAKE

Tom Tucknott 310-530-4992

August 2008

BRANSON

Betty Addis 33310-379-6988

November 2008

HONG KONG

Hy Chase 3310-274-1548

*Neither smoking nor alcoholic beverages are permitted upon our buses.
The Travel Committee meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in E2/1200.*

Important Contacts for Retirees

Northrop Grumman Benefits Center

www.benefits.northropgrumman.com

Select "Retiree Connection"

Or by phone: 800-894-4194

Here you can get help on health benefits, pensions, savings, and to report a death. It's all voice activated, so just listen to the instructions and answer the first few questions to reach a representative.

Express Scripts (Rx)

www.express-scripts.com

800-655-1971

Northrop Grumman Benefits Services(Space Park)

800-537-7694

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Redondo Beach, CA 90278

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HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Reported by Frank Warren

Electronic Systems Sector (NGES)

NORWALK, CN — The U.S. Air Force's Warner Robins Air Logistics Center has awarded NGES two contracts to provide radars and logistical support for the Air National Guard. The Northrop Grumman AN/APN-241 navigation and weather radars fulfill important mission requirements and also enhance the flying safety for Air National Guard C-130H and C-130J tactical airlift aircraft. The contract value for the radar systems is \$13.5 million, while the contract for continued logistical support is worth \$6.6 million.

Information Technology Sector (NGIT)

McLEAN, VA, — NGIT has been awarded a follow-on contract to provide operations support, resources and materials to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Center for Excellence. The center aims to educate women and communities on the prevention of alcohol-related birth defects, and to improve the quality of life among individuals with a FASD. The contract is valued at \$47.9 million to NGIT. Work on the contract will be conducted over one year with four, one-year options in Rockville, MD.

Space Technology Sector (NGST)

REDONDO BEACH, CA — NASA's NGST-built James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) will use a new advanced technology network interface called SpaceWire that enables the components on the telescope to work together more efficiently and more reliably. SpaceWire is a standard for high-speed communication links between satellite components. Originally developed by the European Space Agency, SpaceWire has been adopted and improved by a team at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. The JWST Integrated Science Instrument Module and Command and Data Handling engineering team has developed a small and very low power microchip that sends and receives SpaceWire signals at speeds of over 200 megabits per second.

Integrated Systems Sector (NGIS)

PALMDALE, CA — NGIS completed the first center fuselage duct for the first weight-optimized Air Force F-35 Lightning II aircraft -- a conventional take-off and landing (CTOL) variant designated AF-1. The ducts are being produced at NG's composites manufacturing center in El Segundo, Calif. The company celebrated the AF-1 production milestone with a ceremony at its F-35 assembly facility in Palmdale, Calif. To date, the company has delivered center fuselages for six F-35 aircraft. The F-35 Lightning II is a stealthy, supersonic multi-role fighter designed to replace a wide range of aging fighter and strike aircraft.

Mission Systems Sector (NGMS)

HUNTSVILLE, AL — NGMS successfully demonstrated several new air and missile defense battle management tools last month during a 10-day U.S. Army exercise focusing on net-centric upgrades to the Patriot missile communications system. NGMS participated in the exercise, staged between Army command center elements at White Sands Missile Range, NM, and Ft. Bliss, TX. NGMS engineers used tactical radios, in addition to satellite communications, as the primary means of communicating between different echelons of the air and missile defense battle command structure. The company successfully demonstrated that advanced battle command capabilities such as real-time collaborative planning could be achieved with available tactical radios.

MORE MAIL POUCH

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time off from his fishing to spend most of September on lakes 300 miles northeast of Yellowknife, Canada. "It was an unforgettable experience with some fishing and Caribou hunting thrown in," he adds. The affect of global warming was very evident and very much on the minds of the local Indians. With his wife **Angela**, home is still in Torrance. She retired from Aerospace in 1985. They have three sons between them, all doing well♦♦♦**Richard Morningstar** and his wife **Judy** send greetings from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He reports that retirement from TRW is wonderful and it's great not to be inheriting those pesky projects anymore. So how does he fret away his time? He has just completed his dissertation and now is a full fledged holder of an engineering doctorate. (*Richard, in what new directions will your energies take you now? Editor*)♦♦♦**Gary Parriott** renewed his membership for three more years "so that I could see 'paid thru 2010' on the address label of the NNG." He explained, 2010 was the sequel to *2001: A Space Odyssey*, one of his favorite films. (*Gary, I hear that Odyssey 3 is set in 2061. Think how nice that would look on*



your address label. Ed.) Since moving to Henderson, NV he has had many visits from his friends from the *Outback* and around the world. "It's been great to catch up and talk about old times."♦♦♦**Norman Schroeder**, of Carmel, CA, writes with his four-year renewal, that not much is happening around home, so he and **Terry** are still checking out the Western Nation Park Lodges, plus taking their annual trips to Southeast Alaska and the Swiss Alps♦♦♦**Suzie Warren** writes that she would like to see our Christmas party closer to LAX, to make it easier for out-of-town members to attend. (*Suzie, come join us at our Spring Fling, held in April at the Proud Bird, right under the flight plan at LAX. At Christmas time, the Ports O' Call Restaurant in San Pedro has been so popular with its beautiful upstairs rooms with great views of the harbor, free parking, that we have not been seaching for a location closed to Space Park. Thanks for reminding us — next year we will again survey that area for a restaurant that is both affordable and can handle 350 or so retirees. Ed.*)

IN MEMORIAM

Name	Date of Death
John T. Bennett	July 28, 2007
Ronald C. Going Sr.	July 12, 2007
James F. Knopke	September 15, 2007
David Sturm	September 4, 2007

The first step in notifying Northrop Grumman of a retiree's death is to call the Benefits Service Center at 800-894-4194. For many retirees, there is a Burial Benefit which will be paid to the beneficiary upon proper notification of death. However, due to privacy laws, the Benefits Center does NOT notify the TRA. If you know of a deceased retiree that should be included in the "In Memoriam" column in future NNGs, please submit the following by mail or e-mail to the TRA office: name of the deceased; date of death; and name of person submitting the information.

**WestWind Engineering
Extending Your Career**

Thinking of doing some consulting work to supplement your retirement income? Want to keep your professional skills up to date? Want to keep your DoD clearances active? In these changing times it's wise to remember that your professional earning ability is one of your greatest assets – and WestWind Engineering, owned and staffed by NGC retirees, can help! If you want to keep active and involved in our fascinating world of aerospace and defense, give us a call at 310-356-7340.

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The next NNG will be published in January. It will contain photos from our Holiday Party

THE MAIL POUCH *Sorted and Delivered by Al Hausrath*

◆◆◆**John** and **Donna Satterfield** continue to enjoy living in Reno, Nevada, for its big-city amenities and small-town relaxed living. Having unexpectedly survived for 72 years, John just purchased a season pass for the coming season at the Northstar ski area for only \$130! He has recently revisited scuba diving, at Maui and Key Largo, has done some horseback riding (after 60 years), has purchased a motor scooter, and has begun playing bridge again after 50 years. Second childhood? John also tutors math at an elementary school. John can be reached at johnsatterfield@sbcglobal.net◆◆◆What energy! **Ann Boehmer** is a West Virginian, studied Physics at Carnegie Mellon in Pennsylvania, and then came to TRW. Now retired. she just published her first book under the pen name Anne Black Gray. *Laughing Sickness, A Medical Mystery* is about a young woman working at an aerospace company in Southern California (*in Redondo Beach?*). She is stricken with a mysterious disease threatening her independence, her job, and even her life. To learn more about the book or to buy an auto-



graphed copy, go to anneblackgray.com or phone her at 310-391-0125. The book is also available at amazon.com or bn.com◆◆◆**Don Pitts** took a moment to convey best regards and his appreciation for the on-going TRA crew. He reports that all is well in Hermosa

Beach◆◆◆**Pat** and **Mike Roberts** continue to enjoy their home of 7 years in Henderson, Nevada, with no apparent sign of the 7 year itch. Maybe that's because they both have new careers going. Pat is now with a local bank (in administration, she adds). Mike is now National Sales Manager for a local company called *Courage, Inc*, makers of the famous collectable *Kooky Klicker* pens.

Business must be good, for they subscribed to two more years of TRA membership. Pat can be reached via email at najat2@cox.net◆◆◆Back between 1961 and 1991, when **Walter Forman** could be seen in and around the TRW offices, did anyone suspect there was an ardent fisherman hiding? He now reports that he's fishing locally as well from San Diego on 5, 8, and 10 day trips. But he did take some

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